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**SERIAL NO.:** 10/743,125                      **ART UNIT:** 3739  
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**FOR:**                      **FLUID OPERATED RETRACTORS**

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**COMMUNICATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

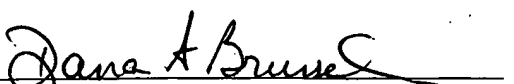
The above-identified application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 5, 2006. It is respectfully submitted that the claims pending in the application, namely claims 11-19, are fully supported by the specification, introduce no new matter, and are patentable over the prior art.

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